Discovery of oil and gas in Bombay High Field

2635. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil and gas have been discovered in the basement of Bombay High Field recently;

(b) if so, what is the estimated quantity of oil and gas discovered and the quality thereof; and

(c) to what extent such a discovery is likely to help bring down the prices of petroleum and its by-products in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Oil has recently been discovered in the basement of Bombay High field (BH-36). During initial testing, the well flower oil at the rate of 1000 barrels per day through 1/2" Choke. API gravity of oil is 38°.

(c) Although discovery has improved the prospects of additional production from Bombay High, its exact potential and overall impact *inter alia* on Price of Petroleum and its by products would be known only after further exploration and assessment by drilling more locations.

Programme for providing STD facilities under National Subscriber Dialling system

2637. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time bound programme has been laid down by Government for providing more cities with STD facilities under the National Subscriber Dialling system; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the names of the cities to be brought under the system, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir, A time bound programme has been drawn in respect of the district headquarters for each years of the plan period and in respect of other citeis for the year 87-88.

(b) Details are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Details of stations to be provided with National Subscriber Dialing (year-wise)

A. STATIONS PLANNED FOR STD DURING 1987-88

(a) District Head Quarters:—

Baripada, Balasore, Bethiah, Bhagalpur, Bhind, Bijnore, Chaibasa, Chattarpur (Ganjam), Daltonganj, Daman, Dhar, Dhenkanal, Dhule, Etawah, Fatehpur, Godhra, Halflong, Jorhat, Kheda, Korapur, Kavarathy, Lakhimpur, Kheri, Lungleh, Morena, Orai, Palanpur, Pauri, Pithoragarh, Puri, Raigarh, Radhakishorepur, Rewa, Satna, Sambalpur, Sibsagar, Silvasa, Silchar, Sriganganagar.

(b) Other Station:—

Alathur, Alipurduar, Anapahthy, Bangerpet, Belwadi, Berhampur (Ganjam), Bobbili, Bongaigaon, Cambay, Channapatna, Chinnalapati, Dowleshwaram, Dwarka, Gulegud, Jamkhambalia, Kalka, Kanahangad, Kapadwanj, Kalady, Kayamkulam, Kannauj, Kasganj, Kolencherry, Mala, Mannar, Minicoy, Munnar, Naharlagan, Nellkuppam, Nileshwar, Noida, Patan,

Parur, Payyannur, Paradeep, Peedapuram, Ponnani, Ramachandrapuram, Ravulapalam, Roorkee, Samalkot, Sathyamanglam, Sainthia, Sindri, Somanur, Shikohabad, Srivilluputtur, Soorajpur, Taliparamba, Tellicherry, Tinsukhia, Tuni, Tundla, Vaikom, Wankaner.

B. *Stations Planned for STD during* 1988-89.

(a) District Headquarters:—

Ahwa, Ambikapur, Anatnag, Banswara, Banda, Barmer, Balurghat, Basti, Barmula, Begusarai, Betul, Biharshariff, Bijapur, Bilaspur (HP), Bundi, Chhindwara, Chittorgarh, Datia, Deogarh, Diphu, Dharamsala, Doda, Dumka, Faridkot, Gonda, Golpara, Hardoi, Hamirpur (UP), Hamirpur (HP), Hoshiarpur, Hoshangabad, Jagdalpur, Jalna, Jaunpur, Jhabua, Kathua Kailashahar, Kapurthala, Karimganj, Khargone, Kupwara, Latur, Leh, Mahe, Madhubani, Mandla, Nahan, Mandi, North Lakhimpur, Nawadah, Nanded, Osmanabad, Ratnagiri, Palimarwar, Poonch, Pulwama, Rajouri, Ratlam, Saiha, Satara, Sidhi, Sirohi, Solan, Tonk, Williamnagar, Yanam.

(b) Other Stations:—

Detailed plans not yet finalised.

C. *Stations Planned for STD during* 1989-90

(a) District Headquarters:—

Anini, Along, Auranbada, Alibagh, Azamgarh, Bomdila, Barpeta Town, Bharuch, Balaghat, Badgam, Bhandara, Buldana, Beed, Bisenpur, Bhailwara, Balia, Baraich, Barabanki, Berhampur (Murshidabad), Bankura, Bhunj, Chandrapur, Chhatarpur, Chamba, Chandel, Churachandpur, Churu, Cuddalore, Chamoli, Daporijo, Damoh, Dungarpur, Deoria, Diu, Farrukhabad, Giridh, Godda, Gopalganj, Guna, Gadchiroli, Gurdaspur, Geyzing, Gazipur, Himatnagar, Jahanabad, Jind, Jalore, Jhunjhunu, Jhalawar, Jalpaiguri, Khonsa, Korraijhar, Khogarrai, Kasargad, Kurkshetra, Keylong, Kalka Kulu, Kargil, Kudal; Karong, Lohardaga, Lalitpur, Mangaldoi, Madhepura, Mandya, Mon, Mokokchung, Mongan, Nayabazar, (Namche), Nalbari, Nowgong, Nawadah, Narnaul, Narsingpur, Nongstoin, Narrendernagar, Passighat, Panna, Parbhani, Phek, Rajnandgaon, Raisan, Rajgarh, Roper, Ramanathapuram, Seppa, Sehrsa, Sitamarhi, Sehore, Sahebganj, Shahdol, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Sundergarh, Sikar, Swaimadhopur, Twang, Tezpur, Tikamgarhi, Tamenglong, Thoubal, Tuensang, Una, Uttarkashi, Vidisha, Ukhrul, Wokha, Ziro, Zunebhote.

NOTE: However, some of them may spill over to the next plan for want of equipment.

(b) Other Stations:—

Detailed plans not yet finalised.

Vacant posts in various departments under the Ministry of Communications

2638. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in different departments of the Ministry of Communications during the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these vacant posts; and

(c) by when these posts will be filled up and details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) The statement is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.